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SUBJ: L.A.C.I.E. PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE CARRY OUT THAT PORTION OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION CONCERNING SATELLITES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES, INCLUDING REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS THROUGH ACTIVE IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT LACIE.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FAS USDA, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER USG AGENCIES, IS SOON TO START THIS PROJECT IN HOUSTON. IT SEEMS MOST DESIRABLE TO INVITE GOI TO ASSIGN IRANIAN TECHNICIANS IN HOUSTON AT THE START OF THIS PROGRAM SINCE ITS APPLICATION TO AGRICULTURE CROPS AND CONDITIONS IS MOST APROPOS TO THE NEEDS OF IRAN.

3. WITH THE ADVENT OF A GROUND RECEIVING STATION IN IRAN, THESE TRAINED IRANIAN TECHNICIANS AND USG TECHNICIANS COULD EFFECTIVELY BROADEN THIS EXPERIMENT. THIS WOULD SPEED UP ABILITIES TO ASSESS IRAN'S CROP CONDITION AND PRODUCTION WHICH IS SORELY NEEDED, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF RAPIDLY INCREASING FOOD CONSUMPTION IN THIS COUNTRY.

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